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TAGS: PINT, PEPR, KS, US
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ON SOUTH KOREA
1. THE FOLLOWING SENSE OF THE CONGRESS RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED BY DON BONKER (D-WASHINGTON) AND PHILLIP BURTON (D-CALIFORNIA) ON SEPTEMBER 23.
2. BEGIN QUOTE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA TO FULFILL ITS STATED COMMITMENTS TO THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF SOUTH KOREA AND TO COMMUTE THE DEATH SENTENCE OF KIM DAE JUNG.
WHEREAS FOR 35 YEARS THE UNITED STATES HAS SUPPORTED SOUTH KOREA, NOT ONLY WITH OUR NATIONAL TREASURE BUT WITH THE
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LIVES OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AND PROTECT A NATION IN WHICH DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM COULD FLOURISH; AND
WHEREAS TODAY THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTES TO THE DEFENSE AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF SOUTH KOREA; AND
WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES HAS ALLOWED ITSELF TO BECOME A GREAT MARKET FOR SOUTH KOREAN PRODUCTS, CONTRIBUTING TO OUR BALANCE OF TRADE DEFICIT; AND
WHEREAS THE PRESENT LEADERS OF THAT COUNTRY HAVE SHOWN A FLAGRANT DISREGARD FOR DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES AND FOR THE CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS OF THEIR CITIZENS; AND
WHEREAS THAT DISREGARD HAS MOST RECENTLY BEEN EXPRESSED IN THE IMPOSITION OF A DEATH SENTENCE ON OPPOSITION LEADER KIM DAE JUNG, WHOSE VIEWS REPRESENT THE ASPIRATION OF MILLIONS OF ANS FOR A REAL ROLE IN THEIR COUNTRY'S POLITICAL PROCESS, AND THE IMPOSITION OF HARSH PRISON SENTENCES FOR 23 OTHER INTELLECTUAL, POLITICAL, AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS; AND
WHEREAS KIM DAE JUNG AND THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN TRIED ON CHARGES WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS TERMED
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"FAR-FETCHED" AND IN A TRIAL WHICH HAS BEEN TOTALLY DEVOID OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS OF FAIRNESS; AND WHEREAS THE JUDICIAL REVIEW PROCESS TO WHICH THEY ARE NOW SUBJECT LACKS MOST OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL JUDICIARY; AND
WHEREAS, IF THE SENTENCE OF EXECUTION OF KIM DAE JUNG
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AND HARSH SENTENCE OF OTHER CRITICS IS CARRIED OUT, IT WILL ONLY HELP TO FACILITATE THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S ALIENATION FROM THE KOREAN PEOPLE, AND WILL MAKE IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE CONTINUATION OF OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (THE SENATE CONCURRING), THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS--
(1) TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA TO FULFILL ITS STATED COMMITMENTS TO THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL LIFE;
(2) TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA TO RECONSIDER THE PROCESS PURSUANT TO WHICH KIM DAE JUNG AND OTHER CRITICS OF THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN TRIED AND CONVICTED; AND
(3) THAT, IN THE EVENT THESE HARSH SENTENCES ARE CARRIED OUT, THE CONGRESS WILL REVIEW THE PRESENT TERMS OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH KOREA. END QUOTE.
3. WE WERE INFORMED LATE TODAY THAT TWO LETTERS URGING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECONSIDER THE 88 MILLION DOLLAR FMS SALE OF SPARE PARTS TO THE ROKG HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE SECRETARY. THE FIRST, FROM LESTER WOLFF, SUGGESTED THAT IF THE ADMINISTRATION GOES AHEAD WITH THE PROPOSED SALE AT THIS TIME IT WILL LEAD TO THE ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE WE HAD TO AVOID AND POSSIBLY INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL. THE SECOND LETTER, SIGNED BY EIGHT HOUSE MEMBERS, INCLUDING TOM HANKIN, TONY HALL, AND DON BONKER, SUGGESTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION RECONSIDER OR THEY WILL INTRODUCE THE RESOLUTION. WE WILL TRANSMIT TEXTS WHEN
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